

April 8, 1974

PRESIDENT: Roll call. Please indicate your presence. Clerk will record.

CLERK: Quorum present, Mr. President. Motion on the desk.

PRESIDENT: Read the motion on the desk.

CLERK: I move to suspend the rules and limit debate for each bill to ten minutes, including all amendments on Select File, Signed, Senator Stahmer.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President and members of the body. I'm not going to cry one way or another on this, but I fear we could be here until 10:00 at night and kill our staff. I think this motion worked good the other day and I would like to get through to get these bills over to staff. And that's the only reason that I'm offering this amendment and I think it will help us get out of here and get the work to the staff so they can get to work.

PRESIDENT: Senator, I suppose the Chair ought to observe that I'm not too sure there are thirty votes here at the present time. In order to suspend the rules. I'll take your motion up. I'll be very glad to, but I thought that maybe you might want to know that. We had the quorum and that was it.

SENATOR STAHMER: How many punched in, Sir?

CLERK: 31

SENATOR STAHMER: 31?

PRESIDENT: Let's test the board and then we can Call for the House.

SENATOR STAHMER: We don't want support for it, then we can forget it.

PRESIDENT: O.K. Senator Mahoney we are debating the motion to limit the debate to 10 minutes here.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Well, Mr. President, we found that we were in some problems with that Wednesday. There was the...and I want to tell the other side of the que...coin. I think that we had amendments that were not presented, and I understand here he is limiting it just to amendments. I think that one person can monopolize the conversation, tie they full ten minutes up and the opposite side of the view does not even get heard. So I think that if it does take up some more time Senator Stahmer, we might have to just do that. I think it is very dangerous to limit it to ten minutes.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh, and then Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I would have to agree with Senator Mahoney. I think on General File if we limited it to ten minutes and we did to a certain extent give poor consideration to some measures that deserved more than that and now we've got it